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New cable television, Internet provider explains services

By Capt. Warren Comer
 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Last week, the new cable television and Internet company that will be coming to Yokota Air Base released information detailing what type of services they will be providing to base residents.

According to Allied Telesis Capital, the company selected by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to operate the personal telecommunications system here, they will provide the Yokota community with a "Triple Play" network over a copper and fiber infrastructure.

The term Triple Play is used to describe the service that provides its customers with integrated data, voice and video through a single company.

Yokota will be the first base in Japan to have this type of service to offer to its residents.

According to a news release distributed by Allied Telesis, their contract with AAFES covers Triple Play services to the base for the next 15 years.

The contract encompasses all aspects of deployment, including consulting, network design and installation, content procurement and ongoing man-

agement and maintenance.

Starting in late October, there will likely be a temporary reduction in the number of cable channels previously available from the old contractor in order to get the new system installed throughout the base.

According to wing officials, most of the current free basic cable channels, nearly 20 broadcast channels, will continue to be provided by the base. The class B phone system will continue to be provided by the wing and Internet will be available from Japan Telecon (formerly Jents).

Once Allied Telesis has installed their operational network, they will provide cable, Internet and phone system operations.

According to Allied Telesis, they will bring the following services to the Yokota community:

* Up to 60 television channels broadcasting in real-

time (live world-wide content).

* Video on Demand with Digital Video Recording (DVR) to watch and record content when it is convenient.

* Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service with electronic 911 capability to include a state-side phone number.

* High-speed Internet Access up to a three mega-bit connection speed.

To help the community understand how this system will work, Allied Telesis will start a display at the Yokota Community Center in November.

"We are excited to be able to provide residents the same real-time entertainment available in the United States over a network more advanced than what is available in most communities," said Mick Burke, vice president and chief information officer for Allied Telesis Capital, in the release.

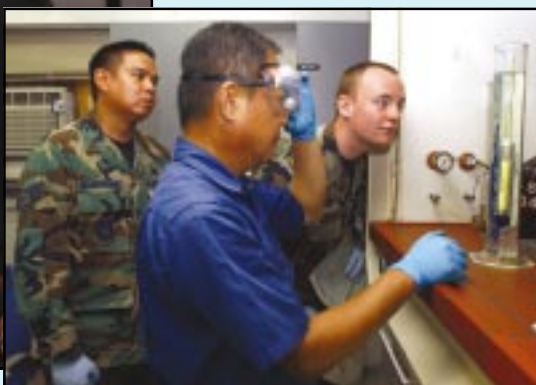
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Allied Telesis Capital vice president and chief information officer

"Without fuel, pilots are pedestrians"



Left, Senior Airman Brandon Barr, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron, inspects a shipment of JP-8 fuel delivered by railroad tank cars for the base. The fuel is then distributed to the 374th Airlift Wing and other tenants. Below, Staff Sgt. Ronald Maquindang, Senior Airman Jay Pickle and Susumu Iwasaki, 374 LRS, verify the density of a fuel sample with a hydrometer to ensure the highest level of quality. The Airmen and Mr. Iwasaki are part of the 374 LRS fuels flight which handle petroleum, oil and lubricant for Yokota Air Base. Fuel must be inspected and tested for proper aircraft and vehicle requirements.



photos by Senior Airman Veronica Pierce

Annual CFC program kicks off

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas for 2006-2007 begins here Sunday and runs for six weeks until Dec. 15.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. It is a fund-raising campaign allowing nearly 4 million military personnel and federal employees to make contributions to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Donors may designate which charities receive their money by filling out a pledge card. "If everyone donated the cost of one DVD, it would significantly raise our contribution amount for Yokota Air Base," said Capt. Cary Brunger, the 2006 CFC-O community area project officer for Yokota.

Unit representatives will start making the rounds with pledge cards to make sure there is 100 percent contact. There is also a kick-off ceremony Monday at the base exchange to help promote the campaign.

"This year the campaign goal is to raise \$383,000 in donations—a two percent increase from last year's, and also to have 60 percent participation," said the project officer. "Only \$1 needs to be do-

nated to count as participation."

The 2006 CFC-O is conducting a giveaway as part of this year's campaign and various prizes and unit awards will be given to participants to help promote the campaign. Just by completing a pledge card, whether you donate or not, you are eligible to win, said Captain Brunger.

Prizes include \$1,000 savings bond, two airline tickets or a new Harley-Davidson Sportster.

With more than 1,700 national and international charities to donate to, community members have many options, to include local base contributions.

"Money can be donated directly back to the wing by choosing the Family Support and Youth Programs option on the form," said the captain. Donations to the wing will go toward the specific programs or base agencies in support of quality of life initiatives for the Yokota community.

Last year, federal employees and service members donated a record setting \$268 million to the CFC. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the CFC charities this year, according to CFC officials.

Contact unit CFC-O representatives or go to cfcoverseas.org.

Defense Department to review military awards program

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — In an effort to provide clarity in awards standards across the military services, the Defense Department has begun a comprehensive review of military awards and decorations, a DoD official said here Sept. 22.

This routine review will result in revision of DoD Instruction 1348.33-M, the Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, said Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy. The changing nature of warfare in the war on terrorism and lessons learned over the past few years

have prompted some changes to make the system work better across the military, Mr. Carr said.

"It's been about 10 years since we've reviewed our directive in a comprehensive way and, given the events of the global war on terror — our experience operationally in that environment — there are some changes we think we can make to give greater clarity and consistency to the awards," he said.

The review will focus on several specific areas where discrepancies among the different branches of the military have come to light, Mr. Carr said.

One of these areas is the criteria for "V" devices and Purple Heart Medals, he said. In the

Army, the "V" device only is awarded for valor, whereas in the other services, it can be awarded simply for a servicemember's presence in the theater of operations, he said. When it comes to Purple Hearts, the different services have slightly different standards for level of injury, Mr. Carr said.

Another area that will be addressed in the review is the definition of the theater of operations when it comes to expeditionary medals, Mr. Carr said. The Air Force defines the theater of operations as the globe, because their pilots fly all over the world, but other services define the theater as a specific piece of ground, he said.

"The review itself really is generated by questions that arose from the services, one by one, over the past couple of years," Mr. Carr said. "Concerns have been expressed by one service about the practices of another service, and as we saw that pattern, it was pretty clear that it was now time to conduct a more comprehensive review."

A working group consisting of representatives from each service, the Joint Staff and the Institute of Heraldry will form the core of the comprehensive review effort, Mr. Carr said. There also will be a structure in place to address institutional changes that come up from the review, he said.

The review is expected to last

about six months, and shortly thereafter, if the services have achieved a consensus, DoD will be able to move pretty quickly with publication of the new instruction, Mr. Carr said.

After the review, DoD will have one set of standards for awards procedures, as it does now, Mr. Carr said. Discrepancies have arisen because of language in the current standards that can be interpreted differently, he said. With this review, DoD officials hope to make the standards clearer and more objective.

"There probably are ways to do that and, if we achieve it, we'll have greater consistency," Mr. Carr said.

Yokota air traffic facilities receive major upgrades

By Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Yokota Air Traffic Control tower and Radar Approach Control facilities are being upgraded as part of a \$14.2 million project.

"The first phase of the construction, building the fence for the perimeter, has just started," said Capt. Jesse Acevedo, 374th Operations Support Squadron airfield operations flight commander. "The entire construction project includes replacing the current building with new, state-of-the-art facilities and equipment."

Some of the major improvements will include an Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch, Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System, New Tactical Forecast System and Airfield Automation System.

"ETVS will consolidate numerous frequency switches into a small digital touch screen display," said Captain Acevedo. "STARS will improve controller awareness by automating radar data received from the

Digital Airport Surveillance Radar antenna to be installed in conjunction with the new facility."

This will give Yokota air traffic facilities the same capabilities of most newly renovated stateside Air Force towers and RAPCONs are at and is a much needed upgrade.

The current systems provide limited capabilities, said the captain. "However, on the flip side of the coin, STARS gives the air traffic community the capability to map visual points, such as rivers, lakes and highways, that we normally use to provide as visual aids to report traffic to pilots and other aircrews.

"Additionally, STARS also has the capability to bring in multiple radar feeds from other locations which will help us to get a more accurate read on an aircraft's location," he said.

Currently, the projected construction is scheduled to be finished by December 2007. Demolition on the existing facilities is scheduled to begin approximately 18 months after completion, around July 2009.

Mission essential maintainers



photo by Senior Airman Veronica Pierce

Senior Airman Antoine Duke, 374th Maintenance Squadron, performs an inspection on a T-56 engine compressor of a C-130 E aircraft. This is just one of the many duties in the 374 MXS isochronal shop that helps keep the aircraft at Yokota Air Base ready for training and real world missions.

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‘Universal’ ID card standardizes DoD

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — New identification cards to be issued to Defense Department employees beginning next month will help standardize workforce identification and security access systems across the government, a senior Defense Department official said here Sept. 15.

The new common access card eventually will be issued to all federal employees and is part of a standardized, secure credentialing system that was mandated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va., said.

Starting Oct. 27, the new “super CAC” ID cards will be issued to employees over

the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates, she said.

The new cards interface with a secure, encrypted credentialing database and are interoperable for personal identification as well as access to federal buildings and facilities, she said.

However, each facility will still determine who is authorized access, Ms. Dixon said. Information embedded on the cards is quickly referenced and compared to centrally stored personnel security clearance data, she said.

“It is an effort to try to improve the security in the federal government,” Ms. Dixon explained.

The new cards also help employees secure their computer networks, she said, as well as provide improved security for

federal buildings, military installations and campuses.

“So, I can use this card, not just in the Department of Defense, but it can be read in other agencies,” Ms. Dixon said. “If they choose to give me access, they can then read my card,” she said.

The new card features the user’s photograph, like other cards now in circulation, Ms. Dixon said. But its computer chip also will contain two encrypted fingerprints, as well as a unique personal identification number.

The new card can be read, either by swiping it or by waving it near a special card reader, she said.

Issuance of the new card has the potential of reducing the number of agency security badges, Ms. Dixon said, because fed-

eral agencies will refer to a standardized credentialing system. However, agency security administrators still have the authority to approve or deny access.

“The card, on its own, does not entitle you to any access to anything,” Ms. Dixon explained. “It is an authentication token.

“Every time you use the card, it is authenticated, meaning somebody checks to make sure that that card is a ‘good’ card issued in the Department of Defense to you, and that it is still valid,” Ms. Dixon said.

As always, employees who believe their government-issued ID card has been lost or stolen are required to notify security administrators, Ms. Dixon said, who then deactivate the card.

This ensures that cards reported stolen or missing can’t be used in DOD, she said.

New recycling program changes begin Sunday

By **Master Sgt. Dominique Brown**
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Yokota Air Base recycling program goes a long way to help the environment, and now has a few additional recycling requirements to improve the current system.

The 374th Civil Engineer Squadron’s environmental flight has implemented the following changes starting Sunday:

✔ Household hazardous waste will now be managed similar to industrial hazardous waste. Ignitable, corrosive, reactive and toxic items are in this category.

“Aerosol cans and small propane bottles will be collected

separately,” said Larry Lucas, 374 CES environmental flight chief. “The base garbage contractor has set-up containers labeled accordingly in the towers, and are working on getting containers to the Garden housing units disposal areas.”

✔ Paper recycling has been expanded to include additional types of paper products such as books, milk cartons, cardboard boxes for cereal, detergent and soda can boxes and other printed paper like notebooks or calendars.

“Keeping the paper products clean and separated is important to keep the maximum recycling value, and items should be put in a clear recycling bag, a box or tied together with string,” said Mr. Lucas. “However, any paper trash with food residue such as used paper plates can-

not be recycled, as well as chemically treated or vinyl coated paper products.

“Please use the new recycling flyers and the new signs posted in the trash disposal areas around base to determine how to pre-sort and recycle paper and hazardous waste products,” said Mr. Lucas. “We are hoping that community members will continue to do their part to improve the base recycling program and help implement these changes.”

The Self Help store will also accept unused or partially used household chemicals such as cleaners to re-distribute as ‘free issue’ to residents.

For more information, call the 374 CES environmental flight at 225-5271.

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Racism – not on my watch, not in my county

By Col. Brent McClenny
374th Dental Squadron

Racism has no place in our society. The quiet hero and role model in living this truth regardless of the personal cost was my father.

He passed on this legacy of courage and leadership in the face of racism to my daughter Leslie when she interviewed him for her high school writing assignment.

Below is a significantly abbreviated version of her profile of someone whose example impacts me to this day:

In 1965, East Central Alabama received its first court order for school desegregation. My grandfather, Lloyd McClenny, was the Coosa County superintendent of education in this rural region.

The school superintendents were called to federal district court in Montgomery by Judge Frank Johnson, the federal district judge, who issued orders leading to racial desegregation.

At this time, Governor George Wallace called the superintendents into a room and told them to defy all the court orders. Wallace threatened to come to each county, publicly embarrass, and politically defeat anybody

who obeyed the courts.

My grandfather left the room. Someone asked him how he was going to respond.

"I'm going to do what the judge said. I will obey the law and do the right thing no matter what Wallace says."

My grandfather developed the plan, and fortunately for Coosa County, he understood the importance of establishing friendships with all races long before this event.

Because of the smaller sized facility, my grandfather had to close an all black school and send the kids to an all white school with sufficient space for all the students.

He was asked by the Justice Department how many FBI agents and state patrol officers he wanted to help enforce the plan.

"I told them none. I had everything under control," he said.

My grandfather explained the school closure plan to 2,000 black students, parents and concerned citizens in the school's gymnasium.

As you might imagine, everyone there was very upset.

A black minister stood up by my grandfather and told the people, Mr. McClenny will do what is right and won't do anything to harm us.

Immediately the crowd calmed down. At this point in my interview, my grandfather empha-

sized that, "not just talking to people, but listening to what they have to say is a big deal. A major component of equality is respect."

Although the process went quite smoothly altogether, there

"Most personal attacks didn't bother me. I knew that I was doing the right thing. The hard thing is asking your family to endure the difficulties."

Lloyd McClenny,
father of Col. Brent McClenny

were still those who were upset enough to take action, primarily racist white citizens.

"Most personal attacks didn't bother me. I knew that I was doing the right thing. The hard thing is asking your family to endure the difficulties."

The most serious threat occurred when a man tried to burn my grandparents' home down, but a neighbor called the police just in time.

Throughout the interview, I was struck by my grandfather's humble and matter-of-fact personality. I asked him if he was especially proud of anything he did. He said he just always tried to do what

was right and never compromise. "All I know is, I had a hand on my shoulder guiding me through all this. Jesus was leading me."

As for George Wallace's threat, it never materialized.

My grandfather was re-elected six times, for a total of 28 years of service, from 1960 to 1988, as Superintendent, the longest held elected office in Alabama history.

George Wallace has an infamous legacy of racism. Very few people know the quiet Alabama legacy of Lloyd McClenny: Racism – not on my watch, not in my county.

So, my daughter capsulized her grandfather's story well.

He has long since retired from public service. Race relations have come a long way since 1965, but we still live in a world that is less than color blind.

Now his sons and grandchildren have been handed the baton. May I live a life worthy of the standard he set – with regard to racism and any other injustice, not on my watch, not in my Air Force.

Chief's Corner

Living by Air Force Core Values makes up part of who we are

By Chief Master Sgt. Cathy Barker
374th Airlift Wing

I challenge you to think about our Air Force Core Values. To reflect on what the Core Values mean to you.

When speaking to our First Term Airman Center students it is clear that they know our Air Force Core Values, values that have become part of our culture.

They are not a "program," they are part of who we are, what we do and why we serve. My main point in this article is the importance of living our Core Values.

When I first joined the Air Force we didn't have the Core Values of today, but I, like many others, was raised to always do the right thing and to treat others like I'd like to be treated. Does this sound familiar?

Each individual element of our Core

Values is important:

✦ Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

✦ Service Before Self means professional duties take precedence over personal desires – it is doing what is best for our nation and our Air Force first.

✦ Excellence in All We Do is not settling for anything but excellence. It directs us to develop a passion for continuous improvement and innovation.

These core values are based on key pillars of character, honor, personal integrity and patriotism. Character is not only knowing the right thing to do but most importantly it is having the conviction and strong moral courage to follow through by doing the right thing. This is living our Core Values.

Honor is a code of integrity, dignity and pride with a focus on loyalty – loyalty for our

nation, to the American people, and to each other.

Personal integrity is a moral compass that emphasizes a steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code. It is our inner voice of self discipline and self control.

Patriotism is why we serve, it is a love and devotion to our country.

The Core Values don't just apply to those of us serving in uniform; they apply to our family members and civilians serving on base to include our contractors. Our United States military and our country are judged by the actions of each and every one of us. This is emphasized here in Japan as we are all ambassadors of our country.

It is important that all of us live our Air Force Core Values to be successful in life. It is only by living our Core Values that we will be able to get the job and our mission done.



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DUI Prevention

Sept. 20 – Sept. 26	0
Total DUIs in September	2
Total in 2006	12

Punishment

.049 or less = car parked for 12 hrs.
.05-.079 = 6 months walking
.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

Misconduct Prevention

Sept. 20 – Sept. 26	1
Total incidents in September	5
Total in 2006	79

Punishment

Family members or civilians can lose AAFES, MWR or Commissary privileges; receive fines or restitution, community service hours, evaluation or counseling, curfew, suspension or loss of driving privileges and debarment from base through the Yokota Conduct Adjudication Program.

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photo by Staff Sgt. Donald Cruz



courtesy photo

Celebrating 60 years of education

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374h Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools provide education to children of service members at military installations stateside and overseas, and the oldest

DoDDS school still in existence recently celebrated its 60th anniversary.

Yokota West Elementary School was originally established Sept. 12, 1946 with just two teachers and 12 students to support service members and their families that were being stationed here.

"I think it is significant that Yokota West is the oldest existing DoDDS school in the world," said Lee Kirsch, YWES principal. "We are proud of our school traditions and our history of excellence. This celebration recognizes the thousands of students who have graced the halls of our school over the past 60 years, along with the administrators and teachers who have guided them."

The celebration included a parade around the west side of base with the students, staff and guests were led by an alumni marching band and dignitaries from around the globe. There was also a celebration ceremony that included the unveiling of several commemorative projects. A cherry tree, stepping stones, a memory book and a new school song are now part of the school heritage to mark the 60 years.

Special guests were in attendance to celebrate the 60th anniversary and included the mayor of Fussa, Hisato Nozawa, the mayor of Mizuho, Kouemon Ishizuka and the mayor of Hamura, Shin Namiki, who was also the guest speaker.

"Recalling the history behind this anniversary has been very educational," said Terry Cerreta. "My son is in fifth grade here, and now he understands the importance of that history. I feel very fortunate that we're here to witness and celebrate this time."



photo by Capt. Warren Comer



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Top left, students from Yokota West Elementary School form a 60 for an overhead photo to capture the school's 60th anniversary. Top right, a vintage photo shows a typical classroom environment in 1954. Above, community members participate in the school parade anniversary celebrations. Left, Yokota High School cheerleaders march and cheer during the parade. Far left, a mini remote control operated bus and Yokota Transportation office workers entertain onlookers.

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Off base

Free dance performance:

Kiraku Public Kabuki Association is performing traditional Japanese dance Oct. 7 at Fussa Civic Hall, small hall 2F. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and performance runs 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hamura Furusato Festival:

This hometown festival is Saturday and Sunday at JR Ozaku Station. This event features Ohayashi, Japanese festival music, Japanese dance called Soran, marching band and Japanese taiko performances.

Flower exhibition: Asakusa Kikuka-ten is a mum exhibition running Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. This event features more than 1,000 chrysanthemum inside the Asakusa Temple.

On base

Movies

Today – *Lady In the Water*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *The Guardian*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *The Ant Bully*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Miami Vice*, R, 7 p.m.; *The Guardian*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *The Ant Bully*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Guardian*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *The Guardian*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Miami Vice*, R, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *The Guardian*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *Lady In the Water*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

225-RIDE

Volunteers are needed to answer calls and provide rides for military members. If interested, e-mail 225-RIDE@yokota.af.mil.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic will be open Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and closed Tuesday and Thursday due to the Operational Readiness Exercise. Normal hours resume the following week.

Self Help store

The base Self Help Store is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. People can get supplies for base housing units, self help projects or sign out tools and equipment. Call 225-7086.

Education survey

The Base Training and Education Services flight is conducting a "needs assessment" survey to ensure the academic programs on base are meeting the needs of personnel on base. Air Force and civilian personnel can access the survey from the Air Force Portal's Air Force Virtual Education Center site. For more information, call 225-7337.

Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break day, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, is Oct. 21. Sign up by Oct. 13. For eligibility requirements call the Child Development Center at 225-8860.

Girl Scouts

The Yokota Girl Scouts* are looking for new members in grades Kindergarten through 12th. New troops are forming now. For more information or to join the local scout troop, e-mail yokotagirlscouts@yahoo.com.

Spouse employment

If you are a military spouse and would like assistance searching for a job, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Classes are available to help you get started in the job search. For more information, e-mail tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

Applications delay

The temporary suspension of the Voluntary Assignment Applications consideration for Base of Preference, Voluntary Stabilized Base Assignment Program, follow-on, Join Spouse, CONUS Isolated and Permissive assignment requests

has been extended to Saturday. For more information on this deadline change, e-mail afpc.dpass3@randolph.af.mil.

Cooking classes

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is holding a Japanese cooking class Oct. 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information on the class or other available classes, call 225-8725.

PSAT testing

All students interested in taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test must turn in their permission slips by Oct. 12. The PSAT will be Oct. 18 beginning at 8 a.m. The test is free for students in 10th and 11th grades. For anyone else desiring to take the test the cost is \$12 and must be paid prior to Oct. 12. For more information, call Jan Noyes at 225-7018 or 225-7019.

Homeschool group

The Yokota Homeschool Group* hosts monthly meetings, field trips and other events during the school year. For more information, send an e-mail to yokotahomeschoolers@hotmail.com.

Chapel schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.

Korean service, Sundays at 1 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists, first and third Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service Sundays at 5 p.m.

Single's ministry

Young adults and singles of the chapel are welcome.

Tuesdays – Free dinner, Bible discussion and fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays – Intercessory prayer at 6 p.m. and fellowship and snacks at 7 p.m.

Fridays – "Extreme Coffee

Sandbox Warrior



of the Week



Senior Airman Corey Whiting

Senior Airman Corey Whiting, 374th Airlift Wing, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of courage, sympathy toward all people, absolute loyalty to one's superior, and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

As a senior emergency actions controller in the 374 AW Command Center, his leadership skills and professional knowledge led to his appointment as a senior controller less than one month after pinning on senior airman. This responsibility, normally reserved for noncommissioned officers and above, places Airman Whiting personally accountable to the 5th Air Force and 374 AW commanders for all command and control issues affecting Yokota, Kadena and Misawa Air Bases.

Bar" with snacks, drinks and games from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Saturdays – Morning sports activities at the main gym, brunch at 1 p.m. and band practice from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 225-7009.

PT uniform wear date

The mandatory wear date for the Air Force physical training uniform begins Sunday. Purchase uniforms at the Yokota Base Exchange or at AAFES.com.

Teen focus group

There is a focus group for teens 13 to 18 Oct. 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Yokota High School cafeteria. Teens can share their thoughts and feedback on the current programs and services here. They will also be asked for ideas for future programs to improve youth services on base. Free pizza and beverages will be provided for participants. For more information, call Lisa Stevens at 225-3308.

Volunteers needed

The Yokota Officer Spouses Club* is looking for volunteers to assist vendors, donate baked goods and provide Japanese and Korean language assistance during their Asian Bazaar Oct. 14 and 15. To volunteer, call Kelly at 227-5009 or e-mail yoscbazaarvolunteer@yahoo.com.

Assignments online

Enlisted Airmen are responsible for updating their own assignment preferences online through the Virtual MPF. Refer to instructions found under Self Service Actions.

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“Quotes” & Things

*“I’m a rock star
because I couldn’t be a
soccer star.”*

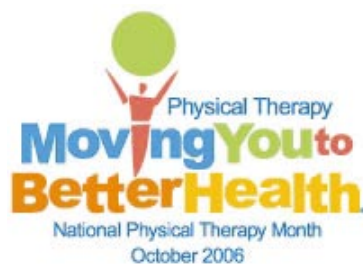
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Yokota Fencing Club: Free Rapier or Classical style fencing lessons are available at the Natatorium, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, classes will be at the East Side Youth Center. For more information, e-mail SCA@groo.us or go to www.blacktigers.groo.us.

Running clinic: Learn about safe running strategies, programs, running mechanics, injury prevention and self treatment through the Health and Wellness Center’s running clinic Oct. 19, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.. Also receive expert analysis of foot type to recommended running shoes. Call 225-8322.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a nonprofit weight-loss support group, Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. Seminars include skin care, hormones and weight loss, exercise tips, make-up tips and color analysis. Call the HAWC at 225-8322.

Yoga class: Yoga classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. Cost is \$30. Call 225-6955.



AAFES takes 2006 soccer championship

By Bren Shuler
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On Thursday, teams from the Army and Air Force’s Exchange Service and the 374th Communications Squadron faced off in the Yokota intramural soccer championship match.

AAFES, a 9-1 winner of their National League division and winner of the winners bracket in the playoffs, took on a determined Comm squad.

Comm entered the playoffs third in the American League division with a 5 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. A second-round loss in the play-offs relegated them to the losers bracket from which they emerged victorious and earned their way into the championship.

AAFES, captained by Kazuhisa Ohsato, brought in a highly technical crew of Japanese and American-Japanese players.

Left, Brian Kimball, 374th Communications Squadron, keeps his body between the ball and the defender from Army and Air Force Exchange, during the championship game Sept. 21 at Yokota Field. AAFES won this year’s championship game 1-0.

Coach and goalkeeper Chris Gillispie of Comm marshaled a group of American military and one civilian.

Although lacking the overall soccer skill of the AAFES side, Comm demonstrated plenty of determination and teamwork during the game.

Last year the same two teams squared off in the championship game with Comm emerging as the victor.

Comm was without one of its most important players in Terry Welliver, but the still fought valiantly against AAFES.

The game was back and forth and entered half time a scoreless draw. An apparent goal by AAFES was disallowed at the end of the half as time had expired.

The second half continued evenly with competitive and determined play by both sides until AAFES player, Nate Haney, snuck the ball into the left corner of the goal from the right side of the field.

With just minutes left, Comm couldn’t quite manage to find the equalizer as AAFES’ goalkeeper, Colins Kobayashi, thwarted all of Comm’s attempts. AAFES emerged from the highly contested game on top as a 1-0 winner of the match.



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Left and above, AAFES and Comm players face off during the Intramural Soccer Championship at Yokota Field Sept. 21. This is the second consecutive season AAFES and Comm have faced off for the championship game.

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